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FSO WILLIAM POLIK

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1. BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN US AND MEXICO AIMED AT REACHING A NEW TEXTILE AGREEMENT GOVERNING MEXICO'S TEXTILE EXPORTS TO THE US WILL BE RESUMED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WEEK OF OCTOBER 16. THIS WILL BE THIRD ROUND OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS; FIRST ROUND WAS HELD IN MEXICO CITY LAST APRIL, AND SECOND IN WASHINGTON-MIAMI LAST JUNE.

2. FSO WILLIAM POLIK, EMBASSY E/C OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR TEXTILE MATTERS, PARTICIPATED IN FIRST TWO ROUNDS OF BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS. GIVEN COMPLEXITY OF USMEXICAN TEXTILE ISSUES AND IMPORTANCE OF MEXICAN-US TEXTILE TRADE TO BOTH COUNTRIES, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL FOR POLIK TO PARTICIPATE IN WASHINGTON TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS WEEK OF OCTOBER 16. MOREOVER, FIRST TWO ROUNDS OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS REQUIRED NUMEROUS DETAILED FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS WITH MEXICAN TEXTILE NEGOTIATORS IN MEXICO CITY, AND POLIK'S DIRECT UNCLASSIFIED

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PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS AIDED GREATLY IN THESE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT OCTOBER NEGOTIATING ROUND WILL REQUIRE SIMILAR DETAILED FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS WITH GOM.

3. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH FISCAL DATA AND TRAVEL ORDERS FOR POLIK TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON DC FOR TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS WEEK OF OCTOBER 16.

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